

**Amendment to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [0006] of the published application (paragraph [0004] as filed) with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0006] Nanotubes tend to cluster; however, their most desired form is ~~well separated~~ well-separated tubes, of either SWNT or MWNT. Carbon nanotubes are currently at the focus of theoretical and experimental research (S.J. Tans et al, Nature ~~386 (1997) 474~~ 393 (1998) 49; E.W. Wong et al., Science 277 (1997) 1971).